GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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REHABILITATION OF VILLAGES FROM TIGER SANCTUARIES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has started the process of displacing the villages located in the tiger sanctuaries;

(b) if so, the details in this regard alongwith the process of rehabilitation of the people already displaced/to be displaced;

(c) whether the Government are aware of the fact that such villages are also being displaced which are not located within such tiger sanctuaries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the details of the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) Relocation/rehabilitation of villages from core areas of tiger reserves has been ongoing since the inception of Project Tiger in 1973.

(b) The details are at Annexures-I & II.

(c) & (d) The Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 has provisions for settlement of rights in areas declared as a Wildlife Sanctuary by States or notified by States for declaration as a National Park/Sanctuary under the said Act.This, interalia, involves village relocation from such areas, which may not form part of a Tiger Reserve.